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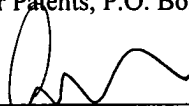
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action made final and mailed August 10, 2005, in the above-referenced matter. A shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action was set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action. A petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including January 10, 2006, along with the required fee, are submitted herewith.

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